(ग) क्या इस संबंध में कोई उपयोगी स्वदेशी विकल्प उपलब्ध नहीं था ;

(घ) क्या ऐसी अनुमति के लिये अन्य बहुराष्ट्रिक कम्पनी के आवेदन पत्र भी सरकार के विचाराधीन है ; और

(ङ) क्या यह सच है कि इस तरह की अनुमति से भारतीय साफट वेयर व्यापार के क्षेत्र में विदेशी कम्पनियों का आधिपत्य और मुनाफाखोरी बढ़ जायेगी ?

**विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा, इलेक्ट्रानिकी और अन्तरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के०आर० नारायणन)** : (क) से (ग) जी, नहीं । भारत सरकार ने विदेश संचार निगम लि० (वी० एस०एन०एल०) को साफटवेयर का निर्यात करने के लिये बंगलौर स्थित "टेक्सास इंस्ट्रूमेंटस के साफटवेयर निर्यात प्रौद्योगिकी पार्क" के परिसर में एक भू-उपग्रह केन्द्र की स्थापना करने की अनुमति प्रदान की है । विदेश संचार निगम लि० के पास भू-उपग्रह केन्द्र से संबंधित पूर्ण स्वामित्वाधिकार होंगे । विदेश संचार निगम लि० को हमारी राष्ट्रीय सुरक्षा से संबंधित मामलों को मद्देनजर रखते हुये भू-उपग्रह केन्द्र का संचालन करने, उसका अनुरक्षण एवं नियंत्रण करने की जिम्मेदारी सौंपी गई है ।

(घ) जी, नहीं ।

(ङ) जी, नहीं । मैसर्स टेक्सास इंस्ट्रूमेंट के साफटवेयर टेकनोलाजी पार्क की स्थापना शत प्रतिशत निर्यात के आधार पर की गई है ।

**Unearthing of Ammunition in Pune**

*250. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a huge quantity of ammunition, buried deep underground, was unearthed recently at a construction site on Race Course Road, Pune Cantonment; and

(b) if so, what is the nature of the ammunition unearthed and what is its quantity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) Some ammunition was unearthed during the course of excavations in Pune Cantonment area on 4th October, 1986.

(b) The details of the ammunition unearthed are as under:

| S. No. | Nomenclature of ammunition | Quantity |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Hand Grenade/Rifle grenade | 15 |
| 2 | Grenade No. 90 | 46 |
| 3 | Cartridges .303 | 437 |
| 4 | Cartridges .303 blank | 59 |
| 5 | Fired cases .303 | 15 |
| 6 | Base plate for firing rifle grenades | 10 |

The ammunition so recovered was inspected by an ammunition Technical Officer and declared unserviceable.

**Scientific Posts taken out of the Purview of the U.P.S.C.**

*251. SHRI K. GOPALAN:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of Scientific posts have been taken out of the purview of the Union Public Service Commission recently;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the total number of such posts during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) whether Government have taken any policy decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Scientific posts have not been taken out of the purview of the UPSC recently.

(b) the question of reasons, therefore, does not arise.

As regards posts exempted during the last three years, all Group A and Group B scientific and technical posts in the Defence Research and Development Organisation were exempted in May 1985. Similar posts in the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources were also exempted upto 14th May, 1986.

(c) A policy decision has been taken by the Government to exempt scientific posts in the Scientific Departments from the purview of the UPSC with a view to providing them a better executive support system for result-oriented and time-bound programmes of scientific research and technological development.

**Arrests made in Jammu and Kashmir during the President's Rule**

*252. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of arrests made of persons who indulged in subversive activities and delivered provocative speeches during the recent President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the number out of them who have been detained on the grounds of security?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Government of Jammu and Kashmir 270 persons were arrested during the President's rule for subversive activities. Besides, 9 persons were detained on grounds of security under Jammu and Kashmir Public Safety Act.

**Preservation of Tropical Rain Forest**

*253. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Financial Express of 9th October, 1986 regarding fast disappearance of tropical rain forests;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of Government plans to preserve the fast receding tropical rain forests of the country so as to keep ecosystems infact?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The News item refers to world wide loss of at least 40 per cent of tropical rain forests in the last 30 years. Tropical rain forests is the popular name for evergreen forests. In India, evergreen forests are confined to Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Kerala and Karnataka. The National Remote Sensing Agency reports indicate that there has been no decrease in forest area in Arunachal Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The decrease in the total forests area in Assam, Kerala and Karnataka has been by 5.9 per cent, 14.34 per cent and 12.97 per cent, respectively.

(c) To preserve evergreen forests the Government plans:

(1) to reduce the diversion of such forests to non-forests use to a bare